Thursday, January 15, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 16

Subject: Authorize execution of Change Order #5 to the construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC., HOUSTON, TX for the ACWP Govalle/Crosstown Abatement SSO in the amount of \$94,931.83 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,048,926.48.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 43.16% MBE and 6.59% WBE subcontractor participation to date including this change order.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Prior Council Action: March 27, 2008 – Council approved the original contract.

This project is part of the Austin Water Utility's Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP), which was developed to respond to the Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order regarding sanitary sewer overflows. Wastewater lines being replaced have root intrusion, cracks, storm water infiltration, collapsed pipe, missing pipe, holes, and dropped joints.

This project includes the abandonment of approximately 4,110 linear feet of existing concrete and clay wastewater line and replacement of the abandoned lines with new 8-inch and 15-inch PVC wastewater lines. Approximately 880 linear feet of existing 4" water line is also being replaced with new 8" water line. Private wastewater and/or water services are being re-routed from the old lines to the new lines at 23 properties. The work is being completed in four main areas. Two of the work areas are generally located west of downtown Austin between West 6th Street and Windsor Road, one is in an existing wastewater easement east of Tillery Street between Greenwood Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and one is near 24th just west of Lamar. The project is approximately 60% complete. Installation of the water and wastewater lines is approximately 75% complete.

This additional authorization is requested to fund work resulting from necessary adjustments due to changed field conditions. Specifically, the additional work includes the abandonment of an additional water line and two private water service re-routes, reimbursement to a property owner for the re-routing of two private wastewater and two private water services, an 80 linear foot extension of the wastewater line on Windsor Road to accommodate an adjustment in the location of an existing private wastewater service re-route, and the repair of damage to a private driveway caused by construction methods used to accommodate changed field conditions.